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FOR THE FARMER.

MEASURING CATTLE.

The following rules for estimating the weight of live cattle are given in Pedder's Land Medicine: First, see that the animal stands square; then, with string, take his circumference just behind the shoulder-blade, and measure the feet and inches--this is the girth. Then measure from the bone of the tail, which plumbs the line with the hinder part of the buttock, and direct the string along the back to the fore part of the shoulder-blade, and this will be length. Then work the figures thus: Suppose the girth is 6 feet, and the feet 4, and the inches 6 feet 2 inches, which, multiplied together makes 24 square superficial feet, and these multiplied by 23--the number of pounds allowed for each superficial foot of cattle measuring less than seven and more than five feet in girth--make 570 pounds. When the animal measures less than nine, and more than seven feet in girth, 31 is the number of pounds to be estimated for each superficial foot.

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